

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the above-noted Office action, applicant has canceled all claims which stand rejected in the Office action, namely claims 23 through 26, 30, 36 and 37. Claims 20, 21 and 22 were previously canceled.

In the above-noted Office action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a) for not showing a second strap connected to protrusions, yet the second strap was set forth in claims 36 and 37. Further, claims 36 and 37 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for a double recitation of the face piece and the port.

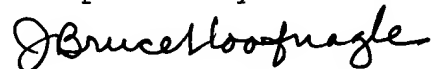
As noted above, claims 36 and 37 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the above-noted objection to the drawings, and the rejection of these claims under 35 USC § 112.

Applicant's claims 1 through 19, 31 through 35, 38 and 39 remain in the application, and have been allowed.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and hereby solicits such allowance.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this response paper, or any aspects of this application, the Examiner should call applicant's representative, J. Bruce Hoofnagle, at 410 442-2417.

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